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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DOOGUE ET AL

Examiner

Hung V. Ngo

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-8, 19-24, 34 and 35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 9-11, 13-18, 25, 27-30, 32 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 26 and 31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11-2005 & 12-2005
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1, 9-11, 13-18, 25, 27-30, 32, 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steiner et al (US 6,356,068) in view of Stauth et al (US 2004/0155644).

Steiner et al disclose a lead frame having a plurality of leads (4),
a current conductor portion comprising a coupling of at least two of the plurality of leads (Fig 1);
a substrate (1) having a first surface proximate to said current conductor portion and a second surface distal from said current conductor portion; and
one or more magnetic field transducers (2) disposed on the first surface of said substrate (Fig. 4)(re claims 1, 25, 28-30, 33).

Regarding claim 9, said substrate is associated with a selected one of a solder ball, a gold bump, a eutectic and high lead solder bump, a no-lead solder bump, a gold stud bump, a polymeric conductive bump, an anisotropic conductive paste, and a conductive film (9, 10) coupled to a corresponding one of the plurality of leads (Fig 5).

Regarding claim 10, the transducers 2 are on opposite sides of a current

conductor portion axis (Fig 5).

Regarding claim 11, predetermined voltage polarities could be found via rotating the transducers.

Regarding claims 13, 27, 32, at least a portion of said current conductor portion has a rectangular cross section having a minimum dimension less than a thickness of said lead frame.

Regarding claim 17, a flux concentrator disposed proximate said one or more magnetic field transducers 21 as shown in Fig. 9.

Regarding claim 18, a flux concentrating layer 22 disposed proximate the second surface of said substrate (col. 7, lines 44-47).

Regarding claim 24, the predetermined shape comprises a rectangular shape having a minimum dimension less than a thickness of said lead frame.

The teaching as discussed above does not disclose each of the leads has a bend in a direction selected to result in each of the leads being closer to the first surface of the substrate than to the second surface of the substrate (re claim 1) and, at least one amplifier disposed on said substrate (re claims 14-16).

Stauth et al disclose each of the leads (516, 518) has a bend in a direction selected to result in each of the leads being closer to the first surface of the substrate (502, 504) than to the second surface of the substrate. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the lead portion of Steiner et al by bending in a direction selected to result in each of the leads being closer to the first surface of the substrate for the purpose of easily mounting to the circuit board.

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Stauth et al teaches a current detector having an amplifier (506)(Fig 8). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the amplifiers with the substrate of Steiner et al in order to control input/output current

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung V. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A. Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 EXT 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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